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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

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1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for retrieving documents comprising:

inputting the text of one or more documents, wherein each document includes human readable words;

creating context windows around each at least some of said words in each document;

generating a statistical evaluation of the characteristics of all of the windows, wherein the results are not a function of the order of the appearance of words within each window;

and

combining the results of the statistical evaluation for each window.
2. (original) The method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

determining the likelihood of documents having predetermined characteristics based on the combined statistical evaluation for each window.
3. (original) The method according to Claim 2 further comprising:

assigning a document identifier to each document and context window position; and

determining the document identifier of at least one document having said predetermined characteristics.
4. (original) The method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

defining a plurality of document categories; and

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